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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2401

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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SUBJECT: PROTECTING POWER FOR US INTERESTS IN LAOS

REF: VIENTIANE 4527

WE CONCUR IN REFTEL'S CONCLUSION THAT JAPAN WOULD BE THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR PROTECTING POWER IF US IS FORCED TO WITHDRAW EMBASSY FROM LAOS. WE BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT UK WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THIS RESPONSIBILITY IF US ASKED. ONLY CAVEAT HERE WOULD BE THAT WITHDRAWAL OF US EMBASSY MIGHT WELL OCCUR IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL ANTI-WESTERN ATMOSPHERE IN VIENTIANE THAT MIGHT ALSO REQUIRE BRITISH TO CLOSE THEIR MISSION.

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